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CONTROLLING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND EDGING AMOUNT CONTROLLING
METHOD AND APPARATUS

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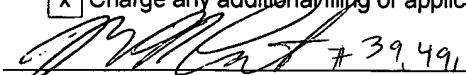
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Paper includes Amendments to the Specification, Claim Set As Amended, Remarks, and Substitute Specification.